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Update on the Use of Phorate on Potatoes

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In May 2004, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) published Re-evaluation Decision Document RRD2004-11, *Phorate*. The document indicated that the registration of one product containing phorate, Thimet 15G Soil & Systemic Insecticide Granular, would be extended to allow use on potatoes to control wireworm during the development of transition strategies for the management of this pest.

The wireworm problem on potatoes continues to be extensive, especially where potatoes are planted in fields that were previously planted with grass or grain crops. Adequate alternative management strategies are not yet available. Therefore, the PMRA is prepared to extend the dates of last sale and last use of Thimet 15G Soil & Systemic Insecticide Granular. The revised dates for registration of this product are as follows:

- Last date of sale of Thimet 15-G by registrant - 31 December 2011
- Last date of sale of Thimet 15-G by retailers and distributors - 1 May 2012
- Last date of use of Thimet 15-G by growers and users - 1 August 2012

This phase-out schedule may be shortened if alternative control products are registered for the control of wireworm in potatoes. Furthermore, the extension of the registration is conditional on the registrant submitting annual sales data to the PMRA, and on the continued involvement of stakeholders in the development of transition strategies for wireworm control in potatoes.